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Office of Regulatory Reinvention Environmental Advisory Rule Committee Report

The Environmental Advisory Rules Committee (ARC) was created by the Office of Regulatory Reinvention (ORR) under the authority of Executive Order 2011-5. The committee met for the first time on June 15, 2011.

The ARC had 13 members and was made up of representatives from local government, utilities, manufacturers, regulators, environmental consultants, and a member of the environmental advocacy groups.

Due to the extensive amount of information the ARC wanted to review, 3 subcommittees were formed to focus on air, remediation, and water issues. A total of 77 recommendations were made and 74% of those were unanimously approved by the ARC.

The positive benefits from implementing the recommendations include:

- *Creating a Predictable, Simplified Regulatory Environment:* Regulatory consistency is important – it leads to a stable and predictable environment around which businesses can plan.
- *Eliminating Unnecessary, Costly Reporting:* There are number of unanimous recommendations that seek the elimination of reporting that is not of any benefit to the public.
- *Eliminating and simplifying rules:* The recommendations contemplate the rescission of 330 DEQ rules. In addition, the ORR recommended that the DEQ re-write and streamline rules pertaining to air toxics, clean-up of contaminated sites (Part 201), and liquid industrial waste. The rules should be more performance-based, and less prescriptive.

ARC Report	Number of Meetings	Report Date	No. of Recommendations	No. of Recs Implemented
Environment	33	December 23, 2011	77	51
Insurance & Finance	10	October 5, 2011	46	34
Workplace Safety	12	January 27, 2012	9	4
Liquor Control	7	March 2, 2012	72	18
Occupational Licensing	14	February 7, 2012	63	20
Natural Resources	9	September 12, 2012	16	11
Inspections & Permitting	11	March 6, 2013	27	12
Rulemaking	8	January 24, 2013	18	2